Dr. C. Rangarajan the present Governor, took over on 22nd December, 1992.

There were three Deputy Governors (Sh. P.R. Nayak, Sh. S.S. Tarapore and Sh. R. Janakiraman) in position on 1st March, 1992. Sh. P.R. Nayak retired on 31st March, 1992. Sh. D.R. Mehta was appointed as Deputy Governor on 11th November, 1992. Sh. R. Janakiraman retired on 14th August, 1993. Sh. S.P. Talwar assumed charge as Deputy Governor on 7th November, 1994. Sh. D.R. Mehta relinguished charge of the post of Deputy Governor on 21st February, 1995 consequent to his appointment as Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India.

(c) and (d) There is no management crisis in Reserve Bank of India.

Pre-Budget Memo by Indian Housewives Association

2268. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Housewives' Association in its pre-budget memorandum has appealed to him to contain prices of certain necessary items of daily usage, if so, the details of the memorandum; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the Association in the forthcoming budget and if no action is proposed, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum presented by the Indian Housewives Federation drew the attention of the Government to the hardships caused to the housewives on account of sharp escalation in prices. It emphasised the need to resist any further price increase particularly in LPG cylinders, baby foods, cereals and pulses, edible oils, medicines for pregnant mothers and infants, stationery for school and college students, school uniforms, milk and low price toiletries. It also wanted withdrawal of tax on telephone services.

(b) Government is deeply concerned about the uptrend in the prices especially of those items which affect the low income families. Government is determined to see that the price of wheat, rice, sugar and edible oils remains stable during the current year. In view of the comfortable foreign exchange reserves position, the Government will not hesitate to augment domestic supplies through imports. Steps have already been initiated to pursuade Industry to pass on some of the benefits of excise and customs duty reduction to the consumers.

Resources allocation Weightage to State Governments

2269. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to give resource allocation weightage to State Governments who contribute to the growth of export earning;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether States are incurring revenue losses to encourage exports on account of tax / freight exemptions, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The Government, at present, are not considering any such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be furnished.

IDBI Staff Quarters at Ghatkopar, Bombay

2270. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:—

(a) when Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) got the additional 1.5" diameter Water connection for the Staff Quarters at Ghatkopar, Bombay.

(b) when IDBI got the existing lines cleaned;

(c) whether it is a fact that about five years ago the residents/occupants were getting 24 hours supply;

(d) whether IDBI brought to the notice of Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay the old position and present position;

(e) the total number of letters alongwith dates written by IDBI to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay since 1990 regarding water supply; and